

Center for Public Health Law Research

Summary Report

Abortion Reporting Requirements

Most states have laws that require the reporting of abortion procedures. These laws require abortion providers to submit one or more of the following types of reports: general reports regarding abortion procedures; reports related to abortion complications; informed consent reports; medical emergency reports; and reports regarding a minor's abortion. Some of the information that may be required to appear in the reports includes: demographic information about the patient; the gestational age of the fetus; the abortion procedure used; the patient's reason for abortion; the patient's pregnancy history; fetal heartbeat detection; and the method of payment. Many of these laws require some degree of confidentiality to protect the patient and/or the abortion provider.

This dataset is longitudinal, displaying laws regulating abortion reporting requirements in effect from December 1, 2018 through October 1, 2021. Learn more at www.lawatlas.org.

	Abortion Reporting Requirements
AT THE SEA	As of October 1, 2021, 47 jurisdictions have laws imposing reporting requirements related to abortions.
	Jurisdictions: 47 (AL, AK, AZ, AR, CO, CT, DE, D.C., FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NM, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY)
	Fetal Heartbeat Detection
	As of October 1, 2021, laws in six states require the reporting of fetal heartbeat detection, compared with only two states as of December 1, 2018.
	Jurisdictions: 6 (GA, OH, OK, SC, TN, TX)

Abortion Complications Report Required
As of October 1, 2021, twenty-one states have laws requiring separate reporting for abortion complications.
Jurisdictions: 21 (AZ, AR, FL, ID, IL, IN, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NV, ND, OH, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, WI)